

Reminder to Voters of Photo ID Requirement at the Polls

YOUR CITY – Voters in _____ County and throughout Indiana remember several important changes to the election process effective since 2006 as a result of both federal and state election reform legislation. Remember that the following requirements are still applicable in 2008.

Voters are required to present photo ID at the polls on Election Day before casting a ballot. The ID must meet the following criteria:

- 1.) Display the voter's name, and the name must conform with the name on the voter registration record.
- 2.) Display the voter's photo
- 3.) Contain an expiration date, and either be current, or have expired after the date of the last General Election, November 7, 2006.
- 4.) Be issued by the State of Indiana or the US Government

In most cases, an Indiana driver's license, Indiana photo ID card, US passport, or Military ID will suffice. If a voter does not possess ID meeting these requirements, the law requires the BMV to issue an Indiana State ID card free of charge, as long as the voter is able to present sufficient identifying documentation.

Voters should note that an expired ID that is otherwise valid would fulfill the photo ID requirement as long as it expired within the deadline. This deadline is the date of the most recent General Election and thus is updated every two years. Additionally, voters should note that the photo ID law does not contain a requirement regarding the voter's address.

The law does provide exemptions for voters who are unable to afford costs associated with obtaining a free ID; those with a religious objection to being photographed, and those who are residents of state-licensed facilities that also serve as the voter's polling place.

Voters who are unable or unwilling to present photo ID at the polls will be asked to cast a provisional ballot. The voter will then have 10 days to follow up with the county election board and either present a valid photo ID or affirm that one of the law's exemptions applies to them.

More information about the photo ID law is available at www.PhotoID.in.gov

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